

JOSEPH T. BLANTON, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT
IN THE CASE OF JOSEPH T. BLANTON, ADMINISTRATOR OF BEN-
JAMIN BLANTON, DECEASED, V. THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 8, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 6, 1904.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certi-
fied copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the aforesaid cause,
which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims,
House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883, known as
the Bowman Act.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. JOSEPH G. CANNON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 4403. J. T. Blanton, administrator, Benjamin Blanton,
deceased, v. The United States.]

This case being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or
furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war
for the suppression of the rebellion, the Court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that
Benjamin Blanton, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or
stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Gov-
ernment of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed April 6, 1903.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 4403. Joseph T. Blanton, administrator of the estate of
Benjamin Blanton, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been
taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States, for their use during
the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the
Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, of the 1st day of May, 1888.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 6th day of April, 1903, found that the

person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 17th day of November, 1903.

J. L. Bullock, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by F. W. Collins, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is the administrator of the estate of Benjamin Blanton, deceased, who resided in Rutherford County, State of Tennessee, during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion; that on January 1, 1863, and at other times during said period there was taken from his decedent by the military forces of the United States, under the command of Gen. George H. Thomas, for the use of the Army, the following-described property, valued at \$7,178:

2 beds and furniture, at \$25	\$50
30 chairs, at \$2	60
400 bushels of corn, at 60 cents	240
3,000 pounds of seed cotton, at 12 cents	360
1,800 pounds of fodder, at 1 cent	18
Houses and outhouses	3,000
120 cords of wood, at \$3	360
30 acres of good oak and cedar timber, at \$100 per acre	3,000
1 set blacksmith tools	90
Total	7,178

The court upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and argument of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACT:

There was taken from claimant's decedent in Rutherford County, State of Tennessee, by the military forces of the United States, by proper authority, for the use of the Army, property as above described, which at the time and place of taking was reasonably worth the sum of one thousand two hundred and sixty-three dollars (\$1,263).

No payment appears to have been made for any part thereof.

BY THE COURT.

Filed December 7, 1903.

A true copy.

Test this 6th day of February, 1904.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.